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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Sir, to make myself clear to the Hon. Minister, may I know whether the principle of reservation to Scheduled Castes and Backward classes is applied to the selection of House Surgeons and whether the ratio is maintained?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. Just as it is done in the case of selection for appointments, the same communal rotation is followed and people are selected according to the percentage of seats reserved for them.

Kerala Sahitya Parishad at Badagara

* 3448 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Commercial Tax Officer North Malabar, is recovering entertainment tax for the performance of dance-drama held in connection with the Annual Conference of the Kerala Sahitya Parishad at Badagara in North Malabar during May 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : On a representation received from the Secretary, Samastha Kerala Sahitya Parishad Conference, Badagara, the Government have recently issued orders exempting the performance referred to from liability to entertainments tax.

Electricity supply to Puttur Panchayat Board

* 3449 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 319 given on 14th December 1954, the present stage of the proposal to extend electricity supply to Puttur Panchayat Board from Mangalore?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGHA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : A major ten year scheme for extension of supply of power from Mangalore Sub-station to Puttur and surrounding areas has just been received from the Chief Engineer (Electricity) and is under the consideration of the Government.

Electric calling bells in Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore

* 3450 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there are electric calling bells in special wards in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—No, Sir.

DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. Minister consider the matter and provide calling bells as it is an absolute necessity as patients, who have undergone operations, are not even allowed to stir out from their beds?